

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 531  
By Cole (Dyer)

A RESOLUTION to congratulate the members and leadership of Hess Lodge #93 Free and Accepted Masons of Dyersburg on the celebration of their 160th anniversary on October 8th, 2000.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should recognize those organizations that have reached a milestone in their illustrious history; and

WHEREAS, the Hess Lodge #93 Free and Accepted Masons of Dyersburg, chartered on October 9th, 1840, is one such noteworthy organization which has a long standing record of meritorious public service; and

WHEREAS, the Hess Lodge's first meeting under the new charter occurred on November 7th, 1840, but its first meeting took place on March 14th, 1840; and

WHEREAS, the Dyersburg Masons' first stationed officers were: James Smith, the Worshipful Master, Marcus Mitchell, the Senior Warden, and Stephen Hale, the Junior Warden; and

WHEREAS, the Masons' Hess Lodge has been in continuous operation since 1840, to the great benefit of all Dyer Countians; and

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WHEREAS, current officers include: David W. Hammersly, the Worshipful Master, Robert A. Willard, the Senior Warden, and Gayle W. Percival, the Junior Warden; and

WHEREAS, several Dyersburg Masons have distinguished themselves as men of stature in our great state and nation, including the Honorable John S. Tanner, U.S. Congressman for Tennessee's 8th Congressional District; and

WHEREAS, the Dyersburg Masons have further assisted the youth of our state through the inspirational leadership they provide in their community; and

WHEREAS, it is for the noble efforts of the Hess Masonic Lodge #93 of Dyersburg that this legislative body is most thankful; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That this body does hereby congratulate the members and officers of Hess Lodge #93 Free and Accepted Masons of Dyersburg for one-hundred and sixty years of meritorious service to their community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.